NEW PUBLICATIONS.

THE CHARITIES OF EUROPE

SIX MONTHS AMONG THE CHARITIES OF EUROPE. By John DE LIEFER. 2 vols. 8vo. pp. 421, 490. Alexander Strahan. In these two beautifully-printed volumes we have the result of several visits of observation made during the years 1863 and 1864 by an Evangelical clergyman of Holland to fifteen of the most remarkable Protestant charitable institutions of the continent. Mr. de Liefde has made no attempt to write a complete history of benevolent enterprise in Europe; he does not even enter very minutely into the statistics of the establishments which he has chosen to describe. He has a quick eye for the picturesque, but cares little for dry rables of dollars and cents, ratios, and measurements. He blends with his sketch of each institution a personal description and history of the founder; tells for the most part in a simple but lively manner exactly what felt under his observation, just as a practiced newspaper correspondent might have told it; and selects from published reports figures enough to give the reader an idea of the practical success of each separate charitable effort. He has a command of the English language such as foreigners very rarely attain; and as he has had the good taste, except in one or two instances, to avoid attempts at literary display, and the industry and keenness of observation essential to a good reporter, he has produced a work which is equally pleasant to read and valuable

The first part of the book is devoted to the description of Dr. Wichern's Rauhe Haus at Horn, near Hamburg, an asylum for abandoned, neglected, and depraved children, in which the influence of the family relation has been substituted for the restraints of bolts and bars, with the happiest results. The Rauhe Haus or Ruge Hoes (Rough House), so called from the farmcottage about which it has grown up, was established by the personal exertions of Wichern in November, 1833, and before the year had closed there were twelve inmates, all boys, with whom the little house was

quite full:

This was the first fumity. Wichern slept with them in the same bedroom, and took his meals with them in the same parlor. It was not exactly the most agreeable company one tould wish for one's pleasure. Eligit of them were flegithmate, four were brought up by dranken and criminal parents; bue had was known to the police for ninety-two thefas; one had escaped from prison. They were a lot of young savages, accustomed to five upon robbery to amuse themselves with hazandous enterprises behind the policemen's back, to sleep under a bridge or on a staircase, to curve their fathers in return for parental curses, and to heat their mothers when scolded for boming home with empty hands. But Wichern and his mother were but too happy to have them. Here was something for which to pray and to suffer, fo wrestle and to told. And what could love more delight in provided there were some his limited of saving a few? Certainly it was an artinous task for the young man, who never had such work in hand before. But what he lacked in experience was made up by his kind mother's wisdom. And true genuine love imparts a wonderful talent for the work of training, insamuch as it is guided by the Spirit of God, and draws every day fiesh knowledge from the inexhausthle wells of His word. The problem which was to be grappied with was, how to win the confidence of young liars and theyes who distrusted everythody; how to make obedience a pleasure to young ruscals who were resolved to obey nobody; and how to reconcile with an erderly and decent lie young vagaboods who claimed the liberty of turning day into night, of running half-naked about the streets, and of dining of potato skins and other offal, with a pudding of tallow, such as is bred for greasing shoes, by way of an additional dainty. This problem only faith in a Divine Savior could solve.

The great love of God in Jesus Christ, who bates sin but resoues the sinner, was the constant theme of conversation in this family. It was exemplified in the way in which Wiebern dealt wit

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mstance.

I so there are "The Swiss House," and "The Green and "The Gold Retrom," and "The Ree-Hive," and sevthers, all peopled with little families of boys or girls, assom is introduced of celebrating the antiversary of the ation of each house in a festival way. Then the house is sed with wreaths and flowers. The family has a holiday, there each for a test. The families of the other houses. t of the origin and progress of the entire Institution. The distories of these Louises are collected into a book called "The Festival Book." Several of the houses were built entirely by the

boys themselves. From a description of a song-festival held to celebrate the completion of one of them, we give another extract:

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The guests dispersed through the park and garden, the first part of the song-feast being closed. On a sudden, a loud sounding trumpet was heard echoing over the plains and fields. It was the signal for the commencement of the second part of the featival. And now all rushed toward the old colossal chestnutree before the Ruge Hoos. A numerous assembly was soon gathered under its bread shade. But where were the singers? Wichern, as if he were a conjurer, just gave the old stem a tap with his hund, and in a trice a full chorus burst forth from all its branches:

"Hack how the qualistrikes in the green:

Thank God! Thank God!"

The whole tree teemed with 'yrs and Brethren—more than seventy in number—hid and the tack foliage. They sat high and low, to the right and to the left, and swinging merrily to and fro on the whie-spreading branches, sect forth song after song in perfect harmony. And when once that old gray-headed tree began to rain down its tunes, there was no end of it, and it, would have caroled and warbled till late at night had not the trumper sounded again and called the birds down to the "Green Place." In a merry basile the whole company moved loward that lovely spot in the garden. It is a large, open grass-plot, kept especially for large meetings like this. It is surrounded here and there with groups of firs and fruit-trees. On the north side it is hemmed in by a high oak grow, out of which one sturily oak, which numbers many a contury, rears itself as the prince and lord of all, forming a worthy partner to the venerable chestnat tree of the old house. Toward the south and west your eyes wander over an area of many miles. Two rivers, the Bulls and the Elbe, which teems with well-watered postures, rich cornfelds, farms, mills, and church steeples. Two rivers, the Bulls and the Elbe, wave their silvery threads through this green carpet. They bear upon their bosoms, bathed in streams of sunlight, many white sails, floating on in long rows, like gently-glading swans. And far away in the clistance the "Black Mountains" offer a resting-place for the eye fatigued with gazing on this charming picture. At this spot, with this scenery before hem, the singers gathered, each family with its banner floating aloft in the gantle Summer brosse. And now the fields and woods echoed the melodies of the national songs of the Deutsche Faterland, till the evening shades, gently alighting upon lea and lawe, drove the guests to their homes, and the trumpet called the Ranhläosler to their supper. Such a feast must have made an impression never to be forgotten.

The manner of life at the Rauhe Haus is thus de-

Extractions and cheerfulness strict order and liberty, go hand-in-hand. The Friedensknabs, or "Boy of Peace," who is elected by the unanimous consent of all the members of the family, is their leader, arbiter, and counselor in the emergencies of their daily life. Over him stands a Brother, a young man, who is the house-father. He is one of a band of six or seven young men who live with the family under the same roof, he shares their meals and sports, and trains them for an orderly life in the sprit of the Gospel. A Candidat of theology also lives with them, under the title of Oberhelfer, or "upper-assistant." He forms the link between the family and Wichern. Thus the whole organization assumes a pyramidal form; and through the medium of all its intervening links Wichern can exercise the strictest control over each child, and send down his impulse to the most distant member. While there is the greatest diversity—each family living apait, having its own house and garden, its own habits and manners, its own history and character—unity is at the same time preserved, leat it should be forgotten that each household is a member of one large family, of which wheher is the nead. It is astonishing how such a system of supervision could be contrived as puts every scribed: should be forgotten that each household is a member of one large family, of which Wicher lathe head. It is astonishing how such a system of supervision could be contrived as puts every child day and night under the direct control of an adult person, and yet has nothing about it of the surveillance of the prison, and very little even of the strict discipline of the boarding school. When roading Sterenson's account of the "somewhat complex machinery" of the Rauhe Haus family life, with its order of the day marked out from hour to hour—with its weekly meetings, its fortnightly conferences, its journals and records kept by the Stothers, its divisions of labor, and its various ries for regulating each child's business at home, from the cleaning of the bedrooms to the carrying of the Ribe to the Chape—I could not but wonder how this complicated clockwork kept going smoothly. The score lies in the thorough family feeling with which each bousehold is inspired. The Hypoters, who superintend and teach the children, live with them, not as officers live with their soldiers in the barracks, nor even as teachers and governors live with their pupils at the boarding school, but really as elder brothers, as "ombers of one family; and when at work with them, they do stand by in the attitude of overneers or instructors, butlion as fellow laborgers, who have one common task in hand. This family feeling wond be impossible were not everything carefully avecided had road as much as possible in the constitution of a feority. All trades, all ages, and all characters are represented it each. When a child comes to the establishment, it is not reprisered with a family until after it has been doly tried and examined at the applicate house, where it is kept till its animon and

character are ascertained. The elder children have always some younger ones about them, who need their help and indulgence. The younger children, on the other hand, always ace some elder ones near them, whom they have to thank for kindness, or to rely upon for direction. This engenders a feeling of cordial attachment. Each household is characterized by a family spirit peculiar to itself; and this causes a commendable ambition to keep upon the family honor and reputation. Nothing is more dereaded by a family than to see one of its memeers censured for latiness or bad conduct in the weekly report, which is read in the presence of all the immakes of the establishment. So every one of the swelve is taught to feel an interest in maintaining the stand outside. Such a thing as clammakness, however, is kept out with might and main, sufficient provision being made for the miturling of the families as one community. At school the middle and the workshops according to their ages and capacities, in the fields and the workshops according to their ages and capacities, in the fields and the workshops according to their ages and capacities, in the fields and the workshops according to their tailes. The fields are the two tragedies which bell ring for mesh than it is formed again, each one, arranged in military file, marching to its own homes, to enjoy for an hour the benefits and contorts of a happy home.

Each family of children has a patron who belongs to

Each family of children has a patron who belongs to the richer class in Hamburg. He receives every month a written account of the principal events that have taken place in his family, and every quarter the school reports of the children are submitted to him. He is a guest at their festivals, and once or twice a year he invites them to his house. When a child is going to be sent out, it visits its patron and acquaints him with its plans and wishes. Thus, each child has a friend among the influential men of the town. The reclaiming of victous and neglected children

was only a part of Wichern's scheme of benevolence. All over Germany there was great need of competent governors and chaplains for prisons, teachers for poor schools, and directors for work-houses and reformatories. He purposed to make the Rauhe Haus a training school for young men who felt disposed to devote themselves to such works. The "brethren," as they are called, live with the children for two or three years, working with them and teaching them. They form distinct families, six or seven in number, inhabiting an upper floor in the same house with the children. These families are called by the singular name of convicts, from the Latin convicere, to live together. At the end of their apprenticeship they are sent out as schoolmasters, prison officers, or hospital nurses, according to the judgment of Dr. Wichern and the committee. The brother himself has no voice in the matter. He is hired out by Dr. Wichern to the institution which requires his services, and is not at liberty to give up his situation without the permission of the committee. When he returns to the Rauhe Haus he is sheltered and supported until he is sent out

The brotherhood, moreover, is a part and parcel of a much wider scheme, the Inner Mission, of which Dr. Wichern is the representative leader, if not the originator. This organization is designed to supply the whole of Germany with active, well-trained missionary agents, having committees in each parish, boards in each district, courts in each province, and a central board of 11 members with control over the whole. "It is the result," says Mr. de Liefde, "of a tacit compact between the Christian philanthropists and the clergy, by which the latter, while keeping the oversight of the higher and more respectable classes for themselves, hand over the care of the poor, the outcast and the abandoned to the former." establishment of the Raube Haus brotherhood was the solution of the difficult problem how to form a band of capable men, who, while inspired by free Christian charity, would submit to the various conditions which the Inner Mission, according to Wichern's plan, would impose upon them. They were to be content with the humble work of evangelization among the lower classes; to abstain from any attempt to start a free religious movement or establish a mission-work of their own; to renounce their own liberty of choice, and to go wherever they were sent with the unquestioning obedience of a Jesuit. This great system is not yet in full operation.

Somewhat similar in design to Dr. Wichern's brotherhood is the Deacon House at Duisburg on the Rhine, founded by Pastor Fliedner in 1844, for the purpose of training assistants to the clergy. These are of two kinds, viz.: 1, lay-assistants, or assistant deacons: 2, clerical assistants. The former, called for shortness deacons, are taken chiefly from the poorer classes. In the large hospital attached to the establishment, some of these young men are trained as nurses, and taught how to administer comfort and instruction to the sick. Their services are in great request in private families as well as in public institu-tions. For a shilling (English) a day, a deacon becomes your sick-room friend by day and by night. If you are too poor to pay, he serves you for nothing. If a present, not to him, but to the institution. Others of the foundation, and of some events consistent are read; and time every family keeps up is own dwelling place, while at the same time every year hear an account of the origin and boards, philanthropic societies, home missionare that the same time boards, philanthropic societies, home missionare that the same time boards, philanthropic societies, home missionare that the same time boards, philanthropic societies, home missionare that the same time boards, philanthropic societies, home missionare that the same time time time that the same time time to the institution. societies, churches, and asylums. The church deacons have to visit the poor, the sick, and the backsliding, execute the charitable commissions of benefactors, obtain alms for those who are ashamed to beg for themselves, conduct Bible meetings, and teach Sunday school. A third class of deacons devote themselves to the education of poor, neglected boys, for whom there is a large school connected with the dea con's house, serving both as a refuge for deprayed children, who would not be received at ordinary orphanages, and as a training establishment for the deacons. The fourth branch of work at Duisburg is the training of prison officials. Important as it is, comparatively few devote themselves to it. The clerical assistants are licensed candidates for the ministry, who, after having left the University, and before taking orders, here prepare themselves practically for their future labors. They pay their own board and lodging, teach the children and the deacons, visit the sick, hold prayer-meetings, supply vacant pulpits, &c. The lay deacons receive no pay during the two or three years trial that precedes their regular enrollment, but they have their board and lodging, and in some cases their clothing, free; and when appointed as regular deacons they receive a very small salary.

They are not at liberty to choose their employment. The Deaconess House, at Kaiserswerth, in Rhenish Prussia, is another fruit of the labors of Pastor Fliedner. The various establishments connected with this charity form a little colony arranged in six groups. The chief building, called the Mother House, contains the bed-rooms and dwelling-rooms for the dea conesses, the hospital for male and female invalids, the apothecary's room, &c. At present there are 415 sisters attached to the establishment. They are divided into Nursing and Instructing sisters. There is an infant school, where those of the latter class obtain practical experience in their duties, and a seminary where they receive theoretical training. A fourth institution is the female orphan house. The fifth or sixth are a house of refuge for discharged femal prisoners and Magdalens, and an a-ylum for insane women of the better class. The duties of the deaconesses are about the same as those of Sisters of Charity, and similar orders in the Roman Catholic Church, except that they take no vows. They cannot marry so long as they are connected with the sisterhood. They take their meals together, have religious exercises twice a day, and hold a fortnightly conference, and a monthly meeting. They wear a peculiar dress, the distinguishing features of which are a blue gown, white collar, and white cap. The establishment at Kaiser werth has affiliated institutions in remote parts of the world. There is one at Pitts-

If our space permitted we would gladly make a few extracts from the interesting sketch of Fliedner's personal characteristics, the description of Father Zeller's school for the education of teachers of the poor at Boug n, in the Grand Duchy of Baden, Dietrich's asylum for discharged prisoners at Lintorf, the agricultural col iy at Sainte Foy in France, the remark able establishments of Mr. J. Bost at Laforce, or the desconess institution in Paris. Mr. de Liefde tells the story of all these and several other benevolent enterprises with a certain dramatic skill that - -are in and I books devoted to such subjects. Upon princip s in-

muse. They have very little of the gracefulness and musical cadence, and very few of the charming bits of expression that characterized "Ataianta," and interesting as they might have been had they come to us as the first crude yet promising efforts of an unknown youth, they have little value now that their author has shown that he can write much better. The characters in the tragedy lack all individuality, and the dialogue is forced and obscure.

THE CULTURE OF THE GRAPE. By W. C. Strong. 12mo, pp. 355. Boston: J. E. Tilton & Co.

This book, in all that relates to its mechanical execution, is simply elegant, and of the matter and manner of the author we can also speak in very high terms. He is evidently a practical vigneron, and for the guidance of the inexperienced has aimed to give plain, simple, concise rules, not novel, but practical and approved. His opening chapter is historical. The second treats of the vine in 1 botanical point of view. The third and fourth contain al that one need know to enable him to increase his stock of vines, either by cuttings in the open air or in hot-heds, or by layering and grafting. The next four chapters are upor oil, situation, planting and training. There is a new moch of training, mentioned as in course of experiment, and therefore not given as a decided success, to which we cal particular attention. Posts three feet high are set 12 feet apart, with a T heal

one foot long across the rows. A wire is drawn between the posts, two inches below the top, and wires from each end of the T head; the outside wires being the highest and six inches from the center wire, to which a cane is trained which sends out side shoots and forms bunches, resting up on the outer wires, to which, if necessary, they may be tied. It is a near approach to the position of a vine in a tree-top, with the advantage of having the fruit near the ground, its ripening being much hastened by such a posi-Grapes are successfully grown in California without stakes or trellis, where rain does not interfere; and the have ripened in Maine by running the vines upon roels and stones where no other mode would answer. This new plan of Mr. Strong's is, therefore, worthy of attention In the chapter open manures, which gives a long cata ogue of such as are suitable, the reader will find one fact of greater importance than any other, about fertilization stated in these words: "The mechanical condition of the soil is quite as important a consideration as its fertility." Potash (in wood ashes), lime and bone dust, take the lead of all fertilizers, in the opinion of Mr. Strong. Coal ashes are also recommended for the sulphate of line they contain, and also for their mechanical effects upon a soil somewhat stiff. Ashes, lime, bone, he prefers composted with peat, or similar earth, and if stable manur

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